IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: BROWN, R.S., et al.

Serial Number: 10/665,718

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Title: Detection of Biological Molecules by Differential
                             Partitioning of Enzyme Substrates and Products

Art Unit: 1655

Examiner: BULL, C.

Confirmation No.:   4655

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir,

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of this application, Applicants wish to enter the following amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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INVENTION	DETECTION OF BIOLOGICAL MOLECULES BY DIFFERENTIAL PARTITIONING OF ENZYME SUBSTRATES AND PRODUCTS

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) No. of extra claims present	(6) Rate	(7) Additional fee
Total claims	54	Minus	48 =	6	x25	=150
Indep. claims	5	Minus	4 =	1	x100	=100

Total additional fee for this amendment	250.00

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